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FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6598

INFO AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: PROSPECTS FOR MORE ANTI-U.S. ACTIVITIES

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1. AS OF 1630 LOCAL TIME, THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS IN PANAMA CITY SUBSEQUENT TO THE ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED IN REFTTEL, THOUGH SOME GROUPS WERE REPORTEDLY ROAMING THE STREETS EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON. A MORNING NEWSPAPER REPORTED THAT A "PRAYER VIGIL" WILL BE HELD IN FRONT OF THE EMBASSY AT 1800 HRS TODAY, BUT WE HAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS. THE ARTICLE STATES THAT THE VIGIL WILL BE PEACEFUL AND WILL BE SPONSORED BY OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH.

2. TOMORROW PROMISES TO BE ANOTHER DAY OF ANTI-TREATY ACTIVITY, WITH DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE EMBASSY POSSIBLY BEGINNING EARLY. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED A HANDBILL WHICH CALLS FOR A "PATRIOTIC" RALLY TO BE HELD TOMORROW AT 1800 IN SANTA ANA PARK. TWELVE UNCLASSIFIED

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ORGANIZATIONS RANGING FROM THE CAMILO TORRES CIRCLE TO THE INDEPENDENT LAWYERS MOVEMENT ARE LISTED AS SPONSORS OF THE EVENT. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS THAT THE GOP WILL CLOSE THE SCHOOLS APRIL 18, BUT THIS IS IMPROBABLE. (STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD, IF NECESSARY, OPEN THE SCHOOLS BY FORCE.) INCURSIONS INTO THE CANAL ZONE ARE POSSIBLE BUT IMPROBABLE.

3. GIVEN THE QUICK REACTION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD TO THE BOTTLE-THROWING INCIDENT TODAY, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT IT WILL LET THINGS GET OUT OF HAND BEFORE THE SENATE VOTE IS TAKEN TOMORROW. HOWEVER, SHOULD THE VOTE BE AGAINST THE TREATY, THERE IS THE CHANCE THAT THE GN EITHER COULD NOT OR WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO STOP ANY STUDENT ACTIVITY DIRECTED AGAINST THE EMBASSY.

4. EVEN IF THE TREATIES ARE APPROVED ON TUESDAY, WE EXPECT CONTINUED--AND PERHAPS INTENSIFIED DEMONSTRATIONS DURING THE REST OF THE WEEK. IF THE GOP ACCEPTS THE TREATIES AS AMENDED, SOME OF THESE DEMONSTRATIONS MAY BE DIRECTED AGAINST THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS AGAINST THE U.S. IF THE TREATIES ARE DEFEATED, THE LIKELIHOOD OF SERIOUS DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD BE GREATLY ENHANCED. JORDEN

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